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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JUL 17, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 11656-11658. Senator Clark, (D) Pennsylvania, requested to have printed in the Record an article written by Marquis Childs entitled "Birchites Finding Allies in Military" which appeared in the Washington Post of July 14, 1961. Senator Clark stated "The article refers to the ultra right-wing members of our military forces who are holding public meetings under the auspices of chambers of commerce and like organizations, in order to advance the point of view expressed by the fanatical lunatic fringe which constitutes the John Birch Society." Mr. Childs states in his article "A year ago the U. S. Naval Air Station at Glenview, Ill., initiated an 'Education for American Security' school. The speakers were for the most part professional anti-Communists who earn their living by specializing on the 'danger from within' theme. The fear of congressional and other critics of this approach is that far from uniting Americans in the face of a grave threat from the Communist challenge everywhere it has the opposite effect. By creating fear, suspicion, and hatred it sets Americans against each other. Hammering on the theme of infiltration and internal subversion, it suggests that professional agencies such as the FBI have failed to protect the Nation. Or, conversely, it implies that security agencies, preferably military, should be put in charge of indoctrination of the civil population."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for JUL 14, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/25/61

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

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The 7/18/61 issue of The Virginia-Pilot, a Norfolk, Va., daily newspaper, carried an article entitled "Founder Welch's Home County to have Birch Society". This article reflected that [redacted] the John Birch Society in North Carolina, was in Edenton, N. C., during [redacted] for the purpose of [redacted] of this organization in that city.

According to this article, there are 40 active chapters of this organization in North Carolina, besides smaller working groups or individuals.

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SAC, Memphis

1 - Mr. Gurley

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Director, FBI

100-4431-1372
[REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There are enclosed two copies of a letter from captioned individual, wherein he noted contact with a Nashville Resident Agent of your office.

You should promptly forward to the Bureau the results of the interview with [REDACTED]. Due to the paucity of information in his letter, it cannot be determined by the Bureau whether correspondent's statement, "Mention was made of Secret Service Agents bullying a young man," concerns a civil rights matter. If this statement does not, that portion of the interview with [REDACTED] should be set forth in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Bureau files contain no identifiable references to [REDACTED]

Enclosures - 2

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, is allegedly anticommunist, has chapters throughout the country, and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

Correspondent's letter is not being acknowledged since he asked no questions and requested no reply.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JULY 18, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A5356-A5357. Senator Javits, (R) New York, requested to have printed in the Record a speech delivered by Congressman Fino, (R) New York, on June 10, 1961, at the 31st Annual Convention of the Department of New York, Jewish War Veterans. The speech deals with extremism in public policy and the John Birch Society. Congressman Fino quotes from a message by Mr. Hoover which appeared in the April FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JULY 18, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6337-A6338. Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon, stated the publicity that has been directed at the outrageous activities and pronouncements of the John Birch Society has awakened a great many Americans to the threats to our free way of life which are posed by some segments of the ultrarightwing. An article by Edward T. Follard, appearing in the Washington Post for June 16, presents a revealing picture of the strange combination of extremists who wave the tattered banners of the right. Mr. Follard in his article stated "Some of the foremost students of Red activity in the United States--notably the Rev. John F.

Cronin, S. E., of the National Catholic Welfare Conference--say that the Communist Party in this country has been 'drastically weakened.' They say that the area of Red danger now is not at home but abroad." The article goes on to state "J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is not one to downrate the threat of Communists in the United States. But even he is concerned about the thing that bothers Father Cronin--that is, the reckless charges Americans are hurling at one another." Mr. Follard quotes from the April FBI Bulletin. This article also was placed in the Record by Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, and appears on pages 11740-11741. Mrs. Green also inserted in the Record an article entitled "Birchites Finding Allies in Military" by Marguerite Childs which refers to the FBI. This article appeared in the Congressional Record for July 14, 1961, and was brought to your attention at that time.

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Date: 7/14/61

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)
 SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information is an editorial concerning the John Birch Society and a quotation from Director J. EDGAR HOOVER's book, "Masters of Deceit."

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/27/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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At 5:45 p.m. 7/18/61. Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] phone CYPRESS [redacted] telephonically advised SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD at the Nashville RA. At this time he stated that he wished to furnish information relative to activities at a meeting of the John Birch Society in Nashville. He stated it was announced to all members of the group who were present at the meeting that efforts were being made to obtain the names of all the "liberals" in each area throughout the United States where there are John Birch Societies. The names and addresses of these "liberals" and any information available concerning their activities is to be sent to the Headquarters, John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass.

Each member of the Society in Nashville, Tenn., was requested to submit to the officers of the group a list of names of persons in the area whom they considered "liberal" and information upon which they based their opinion.

Mr. [redacted] also stated that some discussion was carried on concerning the fact that the Secret Service had obtained handwriting specimens from some young boy in Nashville, Tenn. He stated the significance of this was never made clear.

[redacted] was advised that any information he cared to furnish would be taken. No efforts were made to guide his activities, and no comment was made to him concerning the John Birch Society. No further action is being taken on this matter by the Memphis Division, since it does not appear that the information is of such significance that it should be disseminated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 31, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

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_____ appeared at the Bureau on July 31 and was interviewed by SA John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section.

_____ said that he would like to discuss with a representative of the FBI, the present status of the John Birch Society. He advised that he has heard rumors that Robert Welch has been turning the John Birch Society into a communist organization. He stated that as a Hungarian refugee he has been called upon on several occasions to discuss communism. He said that he has been approached by the John Birch Society to speak before their meetings. He does not want to become involved with this organization if it is becoming communist.

_____ was informed that the FBI, as an investigative agency, is unable to comment concerning any individual or organization or to furnish any evaluations concerning them. During the conversation _____ stated that he now has a _____ and furnishes _____

Bufiles reflect that _____ case who entered the United States in Newark, New Jersey, on _____. He was reported to the Bureau as a "convinced communist" and while in prison _____ He was interviewed by Bureau Agents of the Boston Office during December, 1957, and furnished considerable detail in regard to his background. He denied that he was _____ He wrote the Director in February, 1960, asking for the opportunity to tell the Director about the "secrets" of the communist countries. The Boston Office was instructed to contact him for whatever information he might have. On this occasion he offered to cooperate with the Bureau and requested that he be authorized to organize a revolt _____

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

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To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI



BUDED: 8-7-61

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter dated 7-19-61 from captioned individual. Note his allegation concerning FBI investigation of John Birch Society. He should be contacted without delay and his letter orally acknowledged. The confidential nature of FBI files should be explained to him and that I can make no comment regarding the John Birch Society. He can be told that the FBI is not investigating the John Birch Society and efforts should be made to determine the identity of correspondent's friend who reportedly had been contacted by an FBI Agent in investigating this Society. Thereafter, that individual should be interviewed to determine whether any violation of the Impersonation Statute has occurred and appropriate action should be taken in relation thereto.

Results of contact with Mr. [] should be furnished under the above caption, Attention: Correspondence and Tours Section, to reach the Bureau by August 7, 1961.

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1 - General Investigative Division - Enclosure

NOTE: Our only prior outgoing to correspondent was on 5-12-61. Bufiles contain no other information identifiable with him. The John Birch Society was founded in 1958 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr. of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of []

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Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION CORRESPONDENCE TOURS SECTION)

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-236)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ReBulet dated 7/27/61.

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Bureau advised that on 7/31/61, [REDACTED] was contacted by SA EDWIN C. DORRIS,

At this time Mr. [REDACTED] was advised expressly as contained in reBulet.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised his informant in this matter was one Mrs. [REDACTED]. He advised, however, that Mrs. [REDACTED] and informed him concerning the alleged visit to her by an FBI agent in strict confidence. He states that she would be aware as to how the information got back to her if approach was made on any basis, and he requested she not be contacted at this time. He promised to contact Mrs. [REDACTED] and explain to her that whoever contacted her was not an FBI agent and ask her to permit him to divulge her identity so that direct contact with her might be made. [REDACTED] advised him that the alleged FBI agent who contacted her went into elaborate details in stating that the investigation of the John Birch Society was being done in strict confidence and still advised her in considerable detail what had been learned about this society.

[REDACTED] states that when he has received a response from Mrs. [REDACTED] he will so advise SA DORRIS.

[REDACTED] is requested therefore, to make no contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] until further advised.

A copy of Bulet and Mrs. [REDACTED] letter to Bureau is being furnished [REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/3/61

FROM : SAC, Memphis (62-1164)

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Memphis dated 7/26/61.

On 7/18/61 the subject contacted the Nashville Resident Agent's office telephonically, at which time he advised SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD that he was reporting on a John Birch Society meeting. He stated that something had been said at the meeting about the Secret Service making a young fellow give a handwriting sample. He stated that he was not clear as to what had been said but felt that this might be in part an attack on the law enforcement agencies of the Federal Government and also stated that the membership of the John Birch Society had been requested to turn lists of names of liberals in to the headquarters of the John Birch Society at Belmont, Massachusetts.

Mr. [redacted] acted extremely mysterious. He stated that he was unable to talk and terminated the conversation.

On 8/1/61 Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed in person by SA NORWOOD. At this time he stated that he was not a member of the John Birch Society but that he was in sympathy with what the John Birch Society was trying to do as he, [redacted] felt that the Communist menace to the U. S. was extremely serious. He stated that he had been doing considerable reading concerning the Communist infiltration in the U. S. and that he was particularly interested in the Communist infiltration in the Methodist Church, of which he is a member.

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He stated that on the occasion that he had telephonically contacted SA NORWOOD he had been unable to talk as he was calling from his apartment and that he did not want to excite his wife. He stated that the reason for his reporting the information was that he felt that it was something the FBI should know about. He stated that the information relating to the Secret Service had been information which apparently came from some sort of a pamphlet which was read at the meeting by the leader of the John Birch group. He stated that no names were given. He did not know the identity of the individual who allegedly had been made to give handwriting samples and stated that, to the best of his recollection, there was actually nothing said indicating that the Secret Service Agents had "bullied" the young man. He stated that it was his impression that this was read at the meeting to demonstrate to the meeting how the Communists would use any means to discredit a law enforcement agency. He stated that he had read that the Communists were trying to discredit the FBI and that, therefore, he thought that this information should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

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He stated that he had mentioned the fact that the members of the John Birch Society chapter had been requested to send in names of liberals to Belmont, Massachusetts, because he felt that the FBI might want to know about this and might want to obtain this information from the John Birch Society, since he felt that it might be of interest to the FBI.

Mr. [] stated that he has no information of firsthand knowledge concerning anyone being bullied by any law enforcement agency; that he has no information of firsthand knowledge of any efforts being made to discredit the FBI, the Secret Service, or any other governmental agency by spreading such rumors; and that he has no firsthand information concerning any liberals in the U. S. He stated that he reads considerably. He advised that he has a subscription to a publication called "Lifelines" which he states exposes the Communist menace. He stated that he also has a subscription to the "Dan Smoot Reports" and that all of the information which he has concerning the Communist menace comes from these publications and similar publications.

During the course of the conversation, Mr. [] stated that he was a great admirer of the FBI. He stated that he felt that the Director was one of the great men in American history and stated that he had received from someone a copy of two articles which the Director had published in a law enforcement bulletin. He stated that he was having excerpts of these copied and that he intended to circulate them to friends and acquaintances of his showing what the Director thought of the Communist menace.

It was pointed out to Mr. [] that he should not use any information from any articles published by the Director without first clearing such material with the Director and with the Bureau. He stated that he had not thought of this and that he would certainly clear any information prior to disseminating it. He asked if it would be all right to mention articles written by the Director, at which time it was pointed out to him that if he wanted to recommend to his friends that they read articles written by the Director, it would be all right to do so. He stated that he was recommending that all of his associates read "Masters of Deceit" and that in the future instead of quoting from any articles written by the Director he would refer to the article and suggest that the person to whom he was addressing his communication read the article in its entirety.

[] gave the impression of being a sincere individual with regard to his concern of the Communist menace. He indicated, however, that he had very little knowledge concerning matters of this nature and while not so unstable as to be considered a psychopath he did exhibit some instability in his conversation.

In the interview of 8/1/61 [] communication to the Director dated 7/22/61 was acknowledged, at which time he stated that he had also sent a second communication referring to some

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information which he had received from some of the publications which he had read.

No further action will be taken by the Memphis Division in this matter UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 8/28/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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[redacted] (protect identity) advised SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS on 8/23/61 that captioned organization appears to have been just a fad in the Midland-Odessa area of Texas. She stated that many of the influential people in the organization who had become quite rabid on the subject have dropped out of the society entirely because of the adverse publicity it has received.

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PSI continued that one [redacted] who had brought many new members into the organization has recontacted everyone she knows to have had any dealing with the organization and told them that she felt she had made a bad mistake in her fight against Communism by joining such a "crack-pot" organization and she expressed the hope to such persons she did contact that they would drop their membership. According to [redacted] seems to have succeeded in causing many members to drop out.

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No investigation concerning the John Birch Society is conducted by El Paso, but as pertinent information concerning the organization is received it will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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Date: 8/25/61

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, WFO (62-0)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau is one photostat copy of
 a letter concerning captioned group containing a message
 sent to salesmen of Welch Candy Company.

The photostat letter was made available by [redacted]
 Anti Defamation League, B'nai

Birch, on 8/16/61.

ENCLOSURE

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: August 16, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 14784-14787. Congressman Roosevelt, (D) California, submitted a report on the John Birch Society. This report was prepared for Honorable Stanley Mosk, State (California) attorney general, by his assistant, Mr. Howard H. Jewel, at the request of the Governor of California, Honorable Edmund G. Brown. Mr. Roosevelt stated "This report, written with an appropriate admixture of calm and earnestness, analyzes the philosophy, structure, membership, and methods of the Birchers." The report makes reference to the organizations used by the John Birch Society as "fronts." It states "Another new organization, apparently a Birch front is called realtor for American freedom, shortened to the initials RAF. Officers and leaders of this RAF group boast of their use of the realtors association to assert political strength in Sacramento, and they relate to their membership that through an ex-Army colonel, they have access to FBI information on suspected Communists. The RAF group is attended by even greater secrecy than the Birch Society itself."

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 14310-14311. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, spoke concerning the contest sponsored by the John Birch Society inviting college students to write essays on grounds for the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. He stated "Certainly such an undertaking would seem to lay bare the insidious

nature and the dangerous blind spot in the Birch group." Mr. McGee included an article written by Mr. Roscoe Drummond which appeared in the Washington Post for August 13, 1961, entitled "The \$2,300 John Birch Society." Mr. Drummond stated "This does not seem to me to be either an honest or an honorable thing to do. It is this kind of thing which is hurting anticommunism, rather than helping it."

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THE WCNS DAYBOOK
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

NEWS CONFERENCE--4:30 P.M.--THE NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES, CARROLL ARMS HOTEL.
THE PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWS A 3:00 P.M. MEETING WITH REED COZART, PARDON ATTORNEY, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, FOR PRESENTATION OF A PETITION REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF FRANK WILKINSON AND CARL BRADEN, WHO WERE SENTENCED FOR CONTEMPT OF THE COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 16 SCIENTISTS HOLDS FIRST (CLOSED) MEETING ON DEVELOPING LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, ROOM 5026 SOUTH NEW BLDG., 9:30 A.M.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON LABOR TROUBLES AT MISSILE BASE SITES HOLDS (CLOSED) MEETING, LABOR SECRETARY GOLDBERG'S OFFICE, 10:00 A.M.
A SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET ON SPECIFIC CASES IN ROOM 3428, 1:30 P.M.

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON PORTS-BEGINS SIX-DAY MEETING, MAIN COUNCIL ROOM, PAN AMERICAN UNION, 10:30 A.M.

SEMINAR ON BONE MARROW PRESERVATION HELD AT NAVY MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MD., 1:00 P.M.
SPEAKERS INCLUDE DR. AUDREY SMITH AND DR. MICHAEL ASHWOOD-SMITH OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, LONDON.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL WALTER MONDALE MEETS WITH ICC OFFICIALS ON HIS REQUEST FOR AN INQUIRY INTO RAIL RATES FOR SHIPPING IRON ORE, ROOM 6-23, THE CAPITOL, 3:00 P.M.

REP. ALBERT RAINS DISCUSSES THE HOUSING BILL ON AFL-CIO'S "WASHINGTON REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE," WWDC, 9:00 P.M.
TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE.

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REPS. JOHN RUSSELOT AND WILLIAM F. RYAN DISCUSS THE JOHN FIRCH SOCIETY ON THE STEVE ALLISON SHOW, WWDC, 10:00 P.M.
PROGRAM ORIGINATES FROM THE BLACK SADDLE RESTAURANT, 709 18TH ST., N.W.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-24-61

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DEBATE ON JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)
 BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM FITTS RYAN (D-N. Y.)
 AND JOHN H. ROUSSELOT (R-CALIF.) ON STEVE ALLISON
 RADIO PROGRAM, STATION WWDC, 10 P.M., 8-23-61

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From approximately 10:00 p.m., to 11:30 p.m., on 8-23-61 Congressman William Fitts Ryan and John H. Rousselot debated the John Birch Society (JBS) on the Steve Allison radio program over station WWDC. It is noted that Allison's program which is held in the Black Saddle Restaurant in Washington, D. C., is a discussion-type program engaging generally controversial figures on controversial subjects of current national and international interests.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:John H. Rousselot:

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In March, 1961, Congressman Rousselot asked for information about the JBS by setting forth 7 sample questions which he indicated he had been receiving from constituents. He withheld the fact that he was actually a member of the JBS for over a year. It appeared he might have been attempting to use the Bureau for his own purposes or was concerned over the membership and was honestly seeking some guidance. Because of this questionable incident, we have been most circumspect with him. In July, 1961, Rousselot endeavored to have SA Donald G. Hanning furnish his personal opinion as to what he would do if he were a member of the JBS. Hanning advised he could not comment officially or unofficially regarding this matter.

William Fitts Ryan:

Ryan had been publicly associated with the movement among prominent liberals both in Congress and out to abolish the HCUA. He has also been identified as proponent of various civil rights legislations. We have had few contacts with Ryan's office and deal with him on a circumspect basis.

DEBATE ON JBS:

The format of the debate was such that Ryan and Rousselot asked each other questions about the functions of the society and also answered questions from the floor of the restaurant clientele.

Statements by Rousselot:

The purpose of the JBS is as an educational facility to study the threats of communism, in addition to helping members of the JBS to protect their traditional American freedoms against the deceit practiced by the Communist Party. There is a great misconception about the tenets of the society whereby many independent statements

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: Debate on JBS

made by its founder, Robert Welsh, have been attributed to the society and are actually Welsh's own personal views. Rousselot does not agree with Welsh on many of the statements such as the impeachment controversy of Chief Justice Earl Warren; however, his disagreement with Welsh on this point is that the high school students who will be writing the essays are not qualified for this sort of endeavor and the essay contest should be directed toward members of a group with a legal background such as the American Bar Association. He also pointed out that the essay contest is a product of Welsh and not the JBS. With respect to the statement alleging communist affiliation by former President Eisenhower with the Communist Party, Rousselot stated this is another misunderstanding and this was a conclusion of Welsh based on a long statement on why Welsh feels Eisenhower is a communist. This is Welsh's personal statement and not the JBS; and, although Rousselot agrees with some of the minor premises of Welsh, he does not agree with his conclusion that Eisenhower is a communist. The JBS doesn't favor segregation nor is it anti-Semitic, in fact some members in New York and Chicago were expelled for this sort of activity.

Statements by Ryan:

Congressman Ryan admitted he had not read any of the JBS material and his main source of information was from newspaper accounts attributed to the society. He felt that the society was doing an injustice by being associated with the essay contest on Warren and feels this is an insult to the Supreme Court. In his statement why the JBS was doing a disservice, he chose to group it with the HCUA and said that both were causing hysteria in the country. The reason he has voted against the HCUA is he feels it has been overstepping its legal authority whereby it is a legislative agency and was not designed for the purpose of exposing peoples' ideas and beliefs. Like the JBS, it stifles freedoms by discouraging people from voicing their dissent on controversial issues.

Mention of the FBI:

In attacking the HCUA, Ryan stated he felt it impedes the investigative work of the FBI and the Attorney General and "thinks J. Edgar Hoover would agree with me that the HCUA has gone beyond its jurisdiction." However, he felt that the Director would disagree with him regarding the desirability of exposing communists. Rousselot, in answering a question as to whether a person should have the right to confront his accuser, stated he agreed that this should be so but pointed out that the FBI has also the right to protect its informants in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTEN: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS SECTION

DATE: 8/30/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-236)

SUBJECT:

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Re Bureau airtel dated 7/27/61 and Dallas reply dated 8/4/61.

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Bureau and El Paso advised that recontacted last on 8/28/61, stated late last week she received a reply to his letter sent . In reply she advised that "must have misunderstood her", that she was not visited by an investigator, but that all information she had was "hearsay", was confidential, but that from hearsay, a man, identity unknown, allegedly called on a friend of hers but she did not know he was an "investigator" of any sort. She declined to furnish name of her friend as it was "confidential".

was advised the Bureau would not endeavor to make any additional inquiry and matter would be closed.

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No further action
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Date: 8/21/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)
 RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 INTERNAL SECURITY

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 (Conceal, his request) established contact of Los Angeles Office, confidentially advised that the "Route 66" Television Company will be in Boston in late August and expects to shoot on August 29, 1961 in the City of Boston an episode in the television series to be titled "To Walk With the Serpent." The main character will be a person bearing the name, "JOHN BEACHMONT" or similar, and the film is indicated as bearing on the theme of the John Birch Society, and appealing to readers of such journals as "Harper's", "Saturday Review of Literature" and "The Nation".

Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] will be done by [redacted] and [redacted]

Review of Los Angeles Indices shows nothing subversive/derogatory identifiable with either [redacted] or [redacted]

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Instant "Route 66" series is sponsored on television by Chevrolet.

New York Offices of Screen Gems, Inc., are believed to be at 711 Fifth Avenue.

Copies are furnished New York and Boston for information.

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THE DIRECTOR

August 28, 1961

H. P. CALLAHAN

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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The Congressional Record for August 25, 1961, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

The House was not in session. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 1961, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 15933-15937. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He included an article written by Alan F. Westin entitled "The John Birch Society: Fundamentalism on the Right" which was published in the Commentary magazine of August 1961. Mr. McGee stated "The burden of the article is to analyze in historical perspective the operations and role of the John Birch Society." Mr. Westin pointed out that "Whatever the specific prospects for the Birch Society—and I consider them unhappily bright—the 1960's will surely be years of expansion for the fundamentalist right in this country. Several things point toward that conclusion. — — — But, it should be said on the other side, a rejuvenated and expanded liberal movement is also likely to develop in the United States during the next few years. The signs are already present on American college campuses, where a decade of student apathy and fatalism is giving way to a revival of both liberal and (respectable) conservative political commitment. — — — At any rate, the resources are there to be marshaled, and they are potentially our greatest protection against the mounting right-fundamentalist threat."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
September 6, 1961

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained an article in the July 26, 1961 issue by RAY MORGAN, a member of the Star's Staff, reflecting efforts are being made to organize a chapter of the John Birch Society in Kansas City, Missouri. The first meeting was expected within the next week or ten days as a part of an organizing effort in other areas of Kansas and Missouri.

The above was confirmed on July 25, 1961 by [redacted] Missouri, [redacted] of the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce, [redacted] of Associated Industries of Missouri, and a member of the Supreme Council of John Birch Society. [redacted] said that an organizer was working in both St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as other areas of Kansas. [redacted] of the multi-million dollar A. B. Chance Company, said, "We hope to have the organizing meeting of the chapter in Kansas City sometime within the next few days". [redacted] declined to say who the organizers were and who were working for the formation of the chapters. He said the Society has recently brought in a full-time organizer to work organizing chapters in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

[redacted] the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company and a member of the Supreme Council of the John Birch Society, said the organizer's name was [redacted] KOCH said [redacted] came from California to work for the Society and has been getting a fine response to his efforts.

[redacted] said chapters are already active in Centralia, Mexico and Jefferson City in Missouri. [redacted] said chapters have been formed in recent months in Wichita, Hutchinson and Topeka, Kansas and that there are other members throughout Kansas.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Membership in the Society is \$1,000 for a life membership, \$24.00 a year annual membership for men and \$12.00 a year for women. There is a monthly news letter on the Society as well as other publications.

WINT SMITH, former member of Congress from the 16th District of Kansas who has long been an opponent of Communism and what he considers to be ultra-liberal, has been speaking before Society meetings throughout the United States since he retired from Congress last year.

The Kansas City Star, a newspaper of general circulation, August 13, 1961, contained a news item which reflected that about fifty persons attended a meeting of The John Birch Society, August 11, 1961, at Grandview, Missouri.

A two-hour film was shown of ROBERT WELCH, the Society's founder, reading from the Blue Book of the Society.

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] for Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, presided. A 45 minute question and answer session followed the film.

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On August 15, 1961, an issue of The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained the following news item:

"A high-ranking member of the John Birch society asked his audience last night to begin fighting what he described as a massive Communist conspiracy that is seizing control of every phase of American life.

Kansas
"Speaking to nearly 1,000 persons in the auditorium of Shawnee-Mission East high school, Fred C. Koch, a Wichita businessman, asserted that internal subversion directed by the Soviet Union is eroding American universities, churches, political parties, entertainment media, the State Department and the United Nations.

"His lecture and the film 'Operation Abolition' which followed, were given before the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

"Koch is a member of the advisory council of the Birch society.

"Our universities have been one of the training grounds for communism in this country," the speaker said.

"He asserted that the National Education association was Communist infiltrated, and had been responsible for 'Communist propaganda in this country's textbooks.'

"In a swipe at the National Council of Churches, Koch said that 'Protestant ministers have been more highly infiltrated by Communists than any other group in America.'

"Koch charged that the stage, screen, radio and television have been highly infiltrated by Communists for many years.

"Turning to politics, Koch stated that, 'the Communists have long since penetrated both the Democratic and Republican parties.' He added that Communists have had a strong influence on political leaders.

"Koch listed several methods which he said the Communists will use to 'take over America.'

"Among them were the infiltration of high governmental offices 'until even the President is a Communist--unknown to us, of course,' and a massive labor strike.

"'Nearly every man in Congress who has lifted his sword against communism has been destroyed,' Koch stated.

"About 30 persons left the auditorium before the end of the lecture, which lasted about an hour and one-half."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/6/61

FROM : *rm* SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11488)SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Attached hereto are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no investigation is being conducted.

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GENERAL RESOLUTIONS
Organizing Meeting
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
MAY 1961

The Business Committee reports that 243 churches and fellowships participated in the parish poll by submitting their talley sheets on or before the deadline of March 27, 1961.

The eight general resolutions below received the highest votes and will be submitted by the Business Committee to the delegates at the Organizing Meeting on Saturday morning, May 13th. Additional general resolutions may be admitted to the floor but will require a two-thirds vote for consideration.

NATIONAL

1. MIGRATORY WORKERS

WHEREAS: Migratory workers are the most disadvantaged group in our population with below-minimum wages, sub-standard health and housing, and restricted opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS: Protections of social legislation established for the benefit of industrial workers are non-existent for migratory workers, and such non-existence constitutes special discrimination against the agricultural worker and his family;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association send letters to the Secretary of Labor and to the President's Committee on Migratory Labor, urging them to recommend to Congress passage and vigorous enforcement of legislation which will accomplish the following:

- (a) Extend to all migrants the same protection and standards currently recognized as necessary in Puerto Rican and Mexican National contracts.
- (b) Restrict the facilities of the Federal-State Employment System to growers whose wages, housing and working conditions meet minimum standards.
- (c) Provide for federal registration of crew leaders and loans to growers for approved housing for migrants.
- (d) Extend provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to include farm workers, and revise child labor laws to include protection outside as well as during school hours.
- (e) Revise the Labor Management Relations Act to include the right of farm workers to organize and bargain collectively.
- (f) Develop state programs to provide adequate education and child care for migrant children.

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- (g) Extend the Unemployment Compensation Act to cover farm workers.
- (h) Tighten Interstate Commerce Commission regulations affecting the transportation of migrants to prevent the use of defective and unsafe vehicles.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, New York; by petition by members of All Souls' Church, Washington, D. C.; by petition by members of First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; and by petition by members of First Unitarian Congregational Society of Hartford, Connecticut.

2. MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS: Every second hospital bed in the United States is occupied by a mentally ill person with most public mental hospitals caring for 1,000 to 14,000 patients; and

WHEREAS: Less than \$4.50 per day is spent for each mentally ill person compared with the average of \$28.00 per day per patient in general hospitals; and

WHEREAS: Medical knowledge has developed to the degree that most of the mentally ill could, with proper individual care, be returned to live useful lives in society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the churches and fellowships of the Unitarian Universalist Association study their own communities to determine whether facilities and budgets are adequate for the care of mental patients within their own communities, such facilities to include psychiatric units in general hospitals, "half way houses" for discharged mental patients, vocational and counseling services, and special classes in the public school system for emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That member churches and fellowships strive to inform themselves in this field in order to give compassionate understanding towards the mentally ill as family, friends, or employers and to assist through direct volunteer service in appropriate places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Unitarians and Universalists accept positions of leadership in their communities where they can influence public opinion and government agencies so that the financial and medical need of the mentally ill may be met.

Submitted by petition by members of the All Souls' Church, Washington, D. C., and revised by the Business Committee.

3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

WHEREAS: Respect for the value of every human life must be incorporated into our laws if it is to be observed by our people; and

WHEREAS: Modern justice should concern itself with rehabilitation, not retribution; and

WHEREAS: It has not been proved that fear of capital punishment is a deterrent to crime; and

WHEREAS: Human judgments are not infallible, and no penalty should be used which cannot be revoked in case of error; and

WHEREAS: Capital punishment has not been used impartially among all economic and racial groups in America:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges its churches and fellowships in the United States and Canada to exert all reasonable efforts towards the elimination of capital punishment.

Revised by the Business Committee to combine resolutions submitted by the Unitarian Fellowship of Bloomington, Indiana; Boise Unitarian Fellowship, Boise, Idaho; by petition by members of the First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATION

WHEREAS: Denial of equal opportunities for education on account of race or color continues to be widespread seven years after the Supreme Court's unanimous declaration that the Constitution forbids it; and

WHEREAS: Such disregard for the supreme law of the land presents a moral crisis no less than that resulting from the violation of human rights involved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association call upon the President of the United States to make public statements and take other appropriate action in his discretion to clarify the moral issues and to enlist active public support for their resolution by prompt integration of the public schools at all levels.

Submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri, and by petition by members of all Souls' Church, Washington, D. C.

6. FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the President of the United States to promulgate an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination in Federal Housing and Urban Renewal Programs and establishing a Committee to develop a program of implementation of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges its church and fellowships to;

1. Call upon their individual members to make all housing, urban and suburban, new or old, which they control as owners, dealers, brokers, builders, or mortgagors available to any qualified person, without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.
2. Call upon all real estate dealers, brokers, and mortgagors to do the same.
3. Request their city and state legislators to repeal all existing laws requiring racial segregation and to urge the adoption of local and state laws prohibiting discrimination in housing.
4. Stimulate, encourage, and participate in educational programs, meetings, and other activities sponsored by both governmental and voluntary agencies and designed to promote equality of opportunity in housing.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolution submitted by the Unitarian Fellowship of Bloomington, Indiana.

7.

ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: The House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee have failed to accomplish the purposes for which they were established; and

WHEREAS: Over the years of their existence, the effect of these Committees has too often been only to harass people who held unpopular opinions; and

WHEREAS: The cause of National Security has been used by these committees as an excuse to call into question long-standing individual freedoms granted under the Constitution of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association

1. Request the President of the United States to recommend to the Congress the abolition of these two committees and
2. Urge all Unitarians and Universalists to call upon their representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives to vote against further appropriations for these committees.

Submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Congregational Society of Hartford, Connecticut, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, California, and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri.

INTERNATIONAL

13. DISARMAMENT AND TEST BAN TREATY

WHEREAS: The settlement of International conflicts by war is now impossible and the prolongation of present tensions threatens mankind with annihilation by accident; and

WHEREAS: The testing of nuclear weapons afflicts mankind with disease and early death, and future generations with hereditary defects; and

WHEREAS: The continued production of armaments diverts energy and wealth from present human needs and postpones the rich future now within men's grasp:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges, as an initial step toward controlled total disarmament, that the United States Government proceed with sincere, conscientious and continuing negotiations for a nuclear test ban treaty.

Submitted by the Second Universalist Church of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; the Community Church of New York; by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri; and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California.

15. AFRICA

WHEREAS: 1960 was the "Year of Africa, notable Algeria, S. W. Africa, the Rhodesias, Mozambique and Angola, Africans are denied self-government and other basic human rights; and

WHEREAS: The newly-independent African states are greatly in need of technical and economic assistance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The the Unitarian Universalist Association urges:

1. That the governments of Canada and the United States tender substantial technical and economic assistance to the newly-independent African nations, to be channeled through the United Nations, and
2. That unrelenting pressure be applied to these governments to press for the political and economic freedom of those areas under colonial rule, and
3. That the newl-freed peoples of Africa, both as individuals and as nations, be accorded esteem and courtesy commensurate with the vital role they are playing in international affairs, and
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate government officials of the United States and Canada.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee

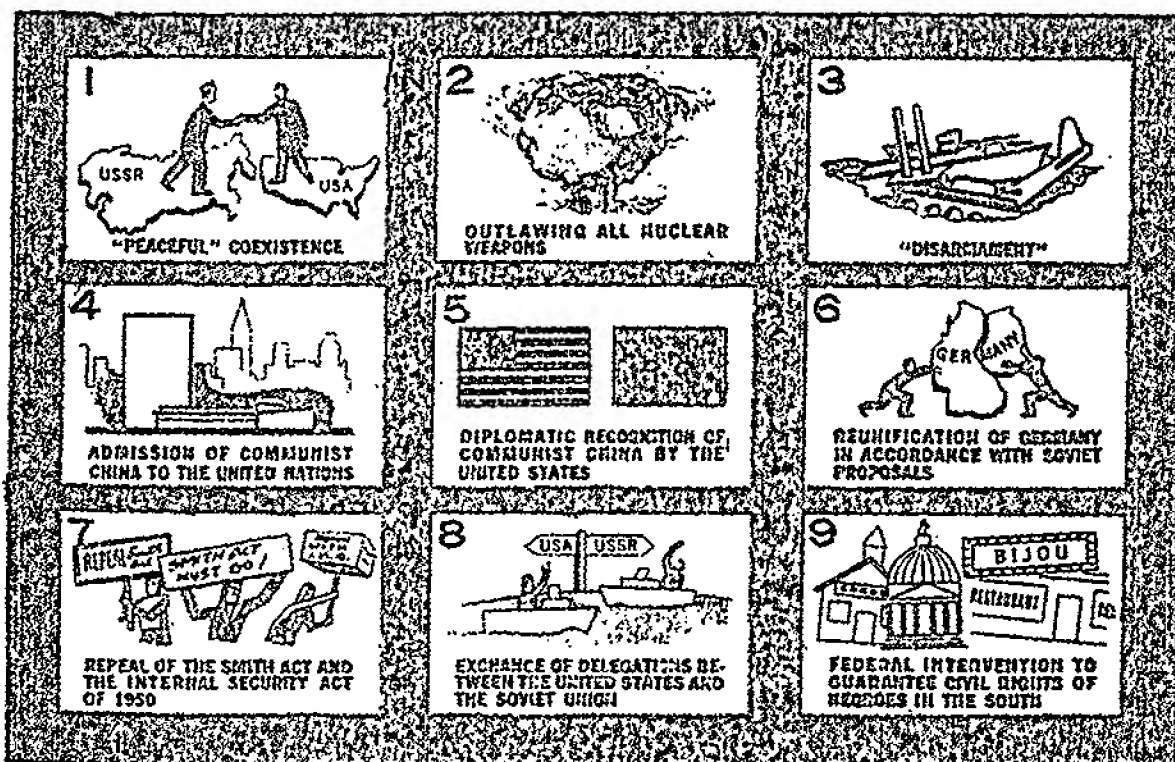
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